

MadDog Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

Attendees: Clark Amadon, Colin Cascadden, Don Coffey, Ray Daigle, Bob Hynes, Shawn Nailor, Jared Carpenter.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

- Shawn, Ray and Clark had changes, Bob moved to accept, Ray second, no further discussion, unanimous vote.

2. TREASURER REPORT

- Bob sent out Report and Income Summaries prior to meeting.
- Chapter balance \$9,306.02
 - Two checks have not cleared yet; Bob will send reconciliation.
- Camp balance is \$5,700.57.
- Have not seen the \$500 for volunteering at Mad Marathon.
- Colin motion to accept, Ray second, discussion, unanimous vote.

3. SECRETARY REPORT

- Only Minutes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Northeast Meeting Reports – all participants have sent in reports.
- Succession Planning –
 - Discussion of slate of officers.
 - Discussion of having board members that are departing other boards join ours.
 - Clark asked Board to look into their local conservation commissions for possible candidates.
- Northfield After-School Program – starts Wed Sept 14
 - MDTU loaned rods and reels to Sam Hagan, the program director.
 - Tom Cate will loan them six vises.
 - Dave Parkie will do casting and tying instruction.
 - Discussion of policy for loaning MDTU equipment inventory, what should be loaned, how to track, etc.
- Mad Marathon – Ian looking into donation check to MDTU.

- Possible Meeting Speakers – discussion:
 - Nov – Jaron Bord w DEC
 - Dec – Kurt Budliger
 - Jan – Rod Building with Shawn and Clark
 - Feb – Lake Champlain fishing guide
 - March and April – have Joe Norton and Rich Kirn each at one meeting, or both in April and some else in March, maybe a fishing trip presenter.
- Fly Fishing Show – at the Fly Rod Shop in Stowe, Sept 9 to 11, Clark, Shawn and Don manned the Council table; turnout was disappointing, less than last year, but made some good contacts.

5. FY17 BUDGET

- Discussion of proposals by officers.
- Underspent from last year’s budget.
- Bob will make changes based on discussion, will vote on budget next meeting.

6. CONSERVATION

- Rogers Farm update
 - Planting planned for Saturday, Oct 29.
 - Will get trees from Drinkwater
 - Will post date and look for volunteers via Facebook, website and mass email.
- Chase Reagan Eagle Scout Project – November 5, Don has sent information to Chase.
- Clyde River Update – in-stream alteration project mostly completed.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- Currently at 273 members, with 1 new member; Colin has reached out to those that have lapsed and are soon to lapse.
- Discussion of re-ordering T Shirts and ordering hats.
- Fall Membership Event – discussion of possible BBQ event locations and dates, possibility will delay until spring due to time constraints.

8. EDUCATION / TROUT CAMP

- Trout Camp –
 - Had first meeting since Camp last week.
 - Venue will stay the same.
 - Camp meeting discussed inviting 3 or 4 returning campers for a second-level program with more in-depth instructions and conservation involvement.
 - Materials will be available within the next month to start promoting early.
- TIC –

- Shawn has placed order, will pick up tanks at the end of the month for the three programs starting at Crossett Brook, Moretown Elementary and East Montpelier.
- Put together a breakdown spreadsheet of participating schools, contacts, and other information, as well as school waiting list.
- Shawn requested \$130 to bolster Council spending in support of TIC teacher training; Clark motion to accept, Ray second, discussion, amended to include spending in budget.

9. VT TU UPDATE

- No update.

10. LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY UPDATE

- Update on Morrisville relicensing appeal and Bolton Falls dam visit.

Next meeting on Oct 20 at 5 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Ray, second by Don, vote unanimous.